SOUND TRANSIT NORTH LINK LIGHT RAIL

UPDATE January 24, 2005

- 1. Sound Transit is proceeding with preliminary engineering of the preferred Northgate light rail station alternative. The preferred alternative is an elevated station east of First Avenue, spanning NE 103rd Street, with a station entrance on Northgate Mall property, and an entrance at the King County Metro Northgate Transit Center. Preliminary engineering will be complete by the end of May, 2005.
- 2. Work is continuing on the development and review of a new alternative, which would include a station to be constructed completely over First Avenue, south of NE 103rd Street. This alternative was previewed for the Northgate Stakeholders on November 18, 2004. Review sessions are being conducted with public agency partners and community groups. Once a full review is completed, the Sound Transit Board would be presented information about this alternative. It would also be described in a Supplement DEIS for North Link to be published later this spring. Additional public comment would be sought during the comment period for the SDEIS. Sound Transit would like to attend a future Northgate Stakeholders meeting, to preview this station alternative, once staff work has been completed.
- 3. Sound Transit has scheduled an Open House on February 24, 2005, to preview station designs for Roosevelt and Northgate light rail stations. The Open House will be from 6:00 to 8:30pm, at the John Marshall School, 520 NE Ravenna Boulevard. The Open House will include a presentation beginning at 7pm. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation.

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